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## Elks and RCMP assemble child ID kits



Kevin Vink/MVP Stat

Cpl. Clint Gulash (left) and Cpl. Warren Wright (right) fingerprint baby Tayt Fisher, while mother Cori Mercier holds him.

BY KEVIN VINK

The Didsbury Elks, along with the Didsbury RCMP, held their second child fingerprinting and portrait event last Thursday, June 20.

The event, which is provided as a free service to residents, gives pertinent information in case a child should go missing, explained Margo Ward, publicity director for the club.

She noted though this is the second time the Elks have held an event like this, it will likely not be the

The lodge purchases fingerprint and photo kits from the Victims of Violence Canadian Centre for Missing Children, and Ward added that the kits are given to parents for safekeeping, and that none of the informa-

tion goes into any sort of database.

Though the Elks have provided the same kits in the past, the club members thought about doing it thempast, the cau members along the about doing it than selves this year, first as a way to measure how many people actually complete the kits, but also when the RCMP are printing children, they can scrutinize the prints and ensure that they are usable, she said.

So it's wonderful for them to come out, because

we've had some very young ones come out this time and they're very hard to do," said Ward.

"We have the opportunity to get the kits every year, so we just decided this year we are going to try and cover the town to get as many children as possible done, so we're supplying the kits and photos at no

"... If they go camping or travel, all sorts of things could happen that we don't want to happen.

> MARGO WARD Elks publicity director

cost to the public," she added.

Elks members and RCMP accepted any children under the age of six, and there were even some par-

ents who brought infants to the event.
"The registered kit includes fingerprints and pictures and information about the child, so if they are taken or lost, parents have all the information the RCMP require," she said.

The Elks are thinking of hosting another event in

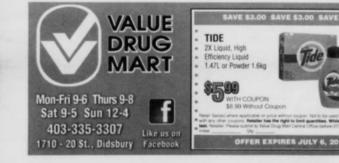
September when the word has gotten out, and the

time lapse will also allow for families who move in over the summer to be made aware of the program, she said. "We will have new kids moving into town, and we do newborn to age six, so you know there'll be new babies and children who the parents felt the infant was too small now, or ones who are starting into kindergarten and playschool," she said, noting that they have advertised to the kindergarten and playschools in town to get the word out.

She thinks the program is useful and has had her kids done in the past. "Didsbury is a very safe community, so it's not so much what happens here. But if they go camping or travel, all sorts of things could happen that we don't want to happen. But if they do, then parents have the information they need."

When children are in strange surroundings, they tend to trust any adult who seems to look like a good person, and especially when they are younger, she said that children don't always know not to talk to

The RCMP recommend getting kids done again when they get older, but Ward noted that fingerprints themselves don't often change, other than getting big-ger as the children grow, which means the kits are good until the photos become outdated.





# Rural Ride for Dad wraps up at ZEMC

MVP Staff

Though having 185 bikers roll into town may scare some people, the Rural Ride for Dad is doing nothing but good, as they raised \$35,000 in rider pledges and toured the region, coming to a stop in Didsbury on Saturday, June 22. Garry Janz, President of the Ride for Dad, said,

"We had an amazing turnout. This thing's growing so quickly - it's amaz-

ing."
The ride, which raises money for research in, and to raise awareness of prostate cancer, started in the year 2000 with 80 bikes in one event, to a stag-gering 40 events across Canada, with a total of \$10 million raised through the

Janz noted that the

in the area where it was raised, so the \$35,000 that was raised in rider pledg-es through the Rural Ride for Dad will be staying in Alberta and going directly to the researchers here in the province.

"We have over 3,000 volunteers across the country. It's mind-boggling and very humbling. We have a lot of fun doing it too," he added.

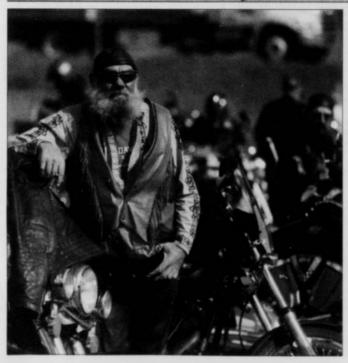
Dean Harper, chair of the Rural Ride for Dad, said that the wrap-up at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church included the group that started in Red Deer and toured that region, as well as the group that started in Olds, a total of about 200 riders.

Though one bike went down during the ride, both the rider and his wife got right back on and finished



(Top) One of approximately 200 riders makes his way down Highway 27 in Olds on their trip to Didsbury during the Rural Alberta Motorcycle Ride for Dad convoy on June 22. The ride, which included routes through the Drumheller and Red Deer areas, raised \$35,000. Nationally, Ride-related activities have brought in \$130,000 for prostate cancer awareness and research. (Below) Bikers pull into the ZEMC parking lot. (Bottom-left) One of the riders stands next to his motorcycle after arriving at Zion Church.





### **EARLY** DEADLINE

for the JULY 2 paper As MONDAY, JULY 1 we are CLOSED.

The Mountain View Gazette AD BOOKING DEADLINE is Tuesday, June 25 at 5 p.m.,

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## Area pharmacist nets provincial award

MVP Staff

The owner of the Didsbury and Carstairs Pharmasaves, Jody Keller, recently received the annually-awarded M.J. Huston Pharmacist of Distinction award from Alberta Pharmacy (APEX), Excellence offered through the Alberta Pharmacists' Association and Alberta

He attended the award ceremony with his immediate family in Edmonton on Saturday. June 15.

The award is given out to pharmacists in Alberta who have demonstrated outstanding professional excellence in the practice of pharmacy, he noted, adding that he does things a little differently than many

"I work really hard to make my staff better, to allow them to provide better patient outcomes, better customer ser-vice, attention to detail, and truly invest in our staff to help better our community and help our patients' care," said

He also exposes himself to more progressive and risky opportunities cies, he added, such as investing in therapeutic lifestyle programs, medical equipment rentals, as well as a compounding facility.

Compounding, he explained, is the art of making a dosage form or medication from scratch. "So a doctor will order

a special or unique - not commercially available product and we actually make it with raw chemicals," he said.

He said there are probonly 25-30 compounding facilities in the province, where some are aimed more at mass production and others, like his, are smaller-scale operations.

Pharmasave staff get trained in compounding when Keller sends them to either London, Ont. or Huston, Tex., for a fourday course, and they also get ongoing training through the Internet and company representatives that come through, he said.

This allows his businesses to provide unique dosages and also allows gens or problematic ingredients that are included in some manufactured products.

His staff have all been receptive to the training, but the difficult part, he said, is that doctors have to be aware of the service when writing the prescriptions, though the compounding facility has been worthwhile overall.

He was nominated for the award by a collection of individuals from various medical professions such as chiropractors, physicians, nurses and regional pharmacy representatives - as well as patients and staff, and he discussed what the award means to him.

"After 17 years in my occupation of pharmacy, I'm overwhelmed that I was chosen out of the numerous quality and outstanding pharmacists in the province - there's over 4,000," he noted.

"It's a great deal of sat-isfaction that I have chosen an occupation that personally suits me well and I'm able to provide only my colleagues but my patients deem wor-thy as well."

He almost can't believe that he was chosen, he added.

"We supported it with the work that I've done but to actually have it decided amongst the two associations and assess the quality of applicants and choose me, I think it's really humbling," he said.

Said.

One of the reasons he enjoys working in a small-town setting, he said, is because of the relationships he forms with his clients, and getting to know them on a

first-name basis.
"And being able to improve their quality of lives and be trusted advisors for them, and then in my role of develop-ing and implementing programs, seeing them through and seeing how my staff can benefit from positive workflows and their relationships with our customers and provide a quality of care that we're really proud of,



Jody Keller processes a prescription at the Didsbury Pharmasave on Friday, June 21. Keller ntly recieved the M.J. Huston award, which is given out to one Alberta pharmacist each vear to honour excellence in pharmacy.



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# Opinion

## **Editorial**

## Albertans will come together

As Calgary and large tracts of southern Alberta start the recovery and cleanup from the largest and most expensive natural disaster ever seen in this province, residents in West Central Alberta can be ever so thankful that their communities have been spared the carnage



DAN SINGLETON

Anyone viewing the photos and video of the damage and ruin caused in Calgary, Canmore, High River elsewhere cannot but help feel great sympathy for the people who have lost their homes, property and busiand in a few tragic cases, their very lives.

"The magnitude is just extraordinary. It is stunning," said Prime Minister Stephen Harper

"I never imagined we could have a flood of this magnitude in this country. Until you really see it in person you don't get a sense (that) this is an incredible event."

Although flooding of the Red Deer forced the evacuation of hundreds of residents in Sundre and elsewhere in Mountain View and Red Deer counties, the emergency in this region was certainly minor compared to things further south.

As with the floods that hit Alberta hard in 2005, this great flood of 2013 will have many lessons to offer - not the least of which is the absolute proof that preparation for disasters is key to meeting emergency challenges

For example, taking the lessons learned in 2005, firefighters, EMS personnel, municipal officials in Sundre, Mountain View and Red Deer counties were very quick to set up emergency response centres once the danger became imminent.

Hours before the river peaked in Sundre, for example, the Town of Sundre's emergency operations centre was up and running, bringing together all the various emergency responders and their controllers.

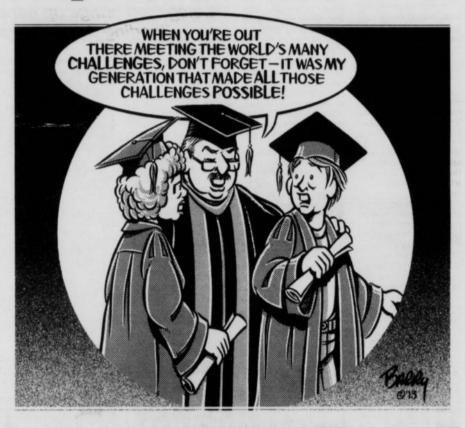
And because of those quick and thorough actions seniors, schoolchildren, hospital patients and other residents kept out of danger in what could have been a very dangerous situation.

Being prepared for the emergency of 2013 required preparations and training that began eight years ago, immediately after the flood of 2005.

Looking to the future, all stakeholders, and politicians in particular, should know that while natural disasters can be few and far between, that can never been an excuse for 'cutting corners' when it comes to long-term emergency preparedness

Albertans will no doubt see their way through this latest natural disaster as they have in the past - and politicians at all levels should know that Albertans will expect them to put aside their differences and work for the community at large.

As in 2005, a very large part of the thanks for bringing the province through this latest natural disaster should and must go to Alberta's brave and tireless emergency responders.



## Letter to the Editor Build it and they will come?

Field of Dreams good movie with the legendary movie star Kevin Costner.

was truly swept away. Mayor and council members made it sound good at the time when "they showed us the way" in our elaborate sequel "Shantz Crossing". I was blown away at the efficiency of execution. I mean several questionable real estate transactions and economic development projects mayor and council members were advised against, passed in record time. Yes.... advised against by development consulting firms we hired...actually they hired ...we paid! Salary increases...passed in record time! Send delegates to the Orient to find our sister city.

how sweet! Moved I was. Who does that? Mostly. Why? Mayor and council members, if you don't like what the Shantz development report says, it still means no! In simple "inglish" more discussion, or a referendum. that last word (referendum) means everyone in town tells the elected official specifically what the elected official will

do, or will be mandated to do next. Legally with a vote saying

Fact: Democracy is a term sometimes used to describe a political mandate of elected officials to act as town citizens

instructs them.
It's not hard really, you end up looking like the mayor of the most democratic town in Alberta. Popularity polls soar. Tee-hee-hee ....Oooops. Witnessing recent leadership actions, our officials are acting against the civic mandates. Last time I checked... it was called a (PC Party) dictator-

A substantial portion of our town residents openly opposed this blatant disregard of our civic process... yet here we are... with a mud pit waiting for a poop processor...nice!

Fact: Didsbury real estate values are +/- \$50,000 less than Carstairs, Olds, Innisfail. Calgary and Red Deer, houses sell in hours. Let's see why? Oh... wait I know, I know, I know... no one wants to live in

a poop palace!
I believe it's time to make

lemonade. Send council the final message. Stop acting like all-knowing gods. Do what you are elected to do, before this costs you more than a red face. Civic duty to our community's stability should be more important than personal ego or eco-nomic computer Sims because neither relate to reality. That is why we want an audit.

Fact: Industry will show up one day in our neighbourhood when the transport costs are lower than anywhere else or we whore ourselves out, give them land, low taxes, for very few jobs and by this method only, will we increase their corporate profits..

Point to consider: a poop processor should be an option because that means that all the other industrial centres don't want. Let's take a moment and think. Why?

Seriously! Why do banks have a tough time approving mort-gages in Didsbury?

Hum, think, think, think. That is a tough question; do you think it's the economy?

That is why we want an audit. continued to p.5

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I wanted to live and retire here because there was no heavy industry...l could have moved to Crossfield. At the time I would have paid less...yet here I am. Let's make lemonade... before we start sucking on lemons! With enough knowledge and experience to see if we (as united citizens of Didsbury) can wake up the social dragon that I would call cooperation against elected corruption. And, ... yes that is why we still want an audit.

I personally believe an improvement in atti-tudes will result when citizens are factualized without interference from special interest groups. When we are exposed to facts we become more respectful and tolerant of our differences. Therefore become more coopera-

An aging population

is upon us. That unprecedented growth in population is where our complete stability lies New vocations in elderly care, facilities based on recreation to attract the stable retirees will be our new sources of income. This vast industry will burgeon soon and I would hate to miss this opportunity. Can we at least put the "Dog before the cart"? And... don't forget the audit.

Our veteran or aspir-ing politicians should weigh their moral fibre more carefully. Remember that charity begins at home. The ripple effect is magnified through your immediate circle (you reap what you sow). The benefits act to stabilize our community and survival. Therefore creating the pre-eminent retirement centre in Alberta, which I see we could be.

> Michel Larocque Didsbury

## Southridge residents present to council

#### Delegation brings up concerns regarding basement flooding due to sewage line maintenance

KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

delegation Southridge Crescent residents came to talk to town council to discuss some issues regarding life in the crescent at the meeting on May 28.
The delegation led

Teresa Lounsbury brought up a number of concerns, including thoughts on the water main break that took place in February, and repeated problems with sewage backflows

flooding basements. She noted that at least one of the flooding incidents can be traced back to public works staff pressurizing the sewage pipe to clear blockages in a slump in

the line.

Lounsbury said she has had so many insur-ance claims for floods her provider threatening to not cover another incident, so she asked town council to help cover her deductible

In reply to the request Mayor Brian Wittal said that the town could not do such a thing, as that would set a dangerous precedent for the town.

Karen Henry, manager of planning and infra-structure for the town, said that public works staff have been periodically clearing out those pipes since the slump was discovered, and she noted that the vater and sewage rehabilitation work scheduled to take place in Southridge this summer

will address that issue. Wittal said that back flow preventers may have prevented the flooding, and that the residents could look at installing them to prevent future problems.

The problem is that in

those slump areas the solids build up and settle, plugging the pipe, he said.

"So in a preventative way, what the town did, once or twice a year, maintenance goes in to flush that area, blow that stuff out and get it moving down the pipe so that (backups) wouldn't happen," he added.

"But when that's done, of course there's pressure put through the line and what happened is it pressured back into people's homes, and if they didn't have backflow preventer valves, then that pressure would unfortunately push sewage back into the basements.

He admitted there have been communica-tions issues between town staff and residents, but noted the town cannot be held responsible for the floods.

If town staff had let residents know ahead of time, they may have been able to prepare beforehand, check faulty backflow valves, and replace or install them if necessary, he

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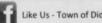
R/C Fun Flyers will also be holding there 22 Annual Canada Day Model Airplane Fun Fly from 12:00pm-4:00pm. Their field is located just North of Didsbury by the Rodeo Grounds. Everyone is welcome to attend! Visit www.drcff.net for more information.

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June

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FRIDAYS - CRIBBAGE STARTS - at the Elks Hall - 7:00 p.m.

HUNTINGTONS - Are you or someone you love affected by HD? I am looking to start up a support group in the Didsbury area. If you are interested contact Kim Rauhala 403-335-9520.

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INVITATION TO ALL SENIORS: FRIENDS AND FUN PROGRAM Thursday afternoon, Sept. 13,2012 at 1:30pm. Free program of games, activities, special events & refreshments. Eldon Foote Hall. Ride? 403-335-4391.

COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL NIGHT - Adult co-ed drop-in Volleyball at Zion Church. Sun. Feb. 3. 7:00pm.-9:00pm. \$2.00/night. Call Garnet 403-335-9820.

MOUNTAIN VIEW ARTS SOCIETY - for lovers of art, culture and heritage of Didsbury & Mountain View County. Info at www. mountainviewartsociety.ca or call 403-335-9445.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF DIDSBURY/ CARSTAIRS meets each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00pm, Contact Ernie Ruckman. 403-335-4739. New Members Welcome!

DIDSBURY DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP meets every last Monday of the month. 3:00pm. at Aspen Ridge Lodge. Contact Brandie. 403-335-7273 or Sharon 403-335-7285.

## AROUND WITH THE DIDSBURY LIBRARY

#### June 26

Rotary club of Didsbury and Carstairs meets every Wednesday from 5-6 pm at the Country Nook Restaurant 1414 20 Avenue (in front of the Didsbury Motel). Appetizers will be served – supper may be purchased to follow. Newcomers are welcome. Call Ernie Ryckman at 402 335-4739 for more info.

Didsbury & District Community Bus District Community Bus – Southcentre Mall for shopping or Grey Eagle Casino. Cost is \$15 per person to be paid when booking. Bus leaves Complex at 9:30 am. Call Evelyn at 403 335-4899 or Bea at 403

Between enjoying the "Fun Flyers" and "Thunder on the Prairies" come to Melvin Hall from 7 to 9 and jam with us. Any questions: call 403 335-3896

#### CORRECTION:

Didsbury Ag Society Farmers Markets dates in June were put in this column incorrectly. Around Town apologizes for misleading, but there are no Farmers Markets in June

Didsbury Agricultural Society Special Farmers Market from noon to 4 pm in the east end of the hockey arena in the Memorial Complex.

#### July 10, 17, 24, and 31

Didsbury Agricultural Society regular Farmers Market from 5:00 to 7:00 pm in the West end of the Curling Rink in the Didsbury Memorial Complex.

Didsbury & District Community Bus trip to Calgary Stampede Heritage Day – Tuesday, July 9. Free pass to Grounds for Seniors. Bus leaves Complex at 9:30 am, returning immediately after the chucks. Everyone welcome to ride the bus. Cost is \$20.00 per person. Phone Evelyn at 403 335-4899 to reserve and pay for the trip.

#### Coming soon

The Didsbury Elks and Royal Purple Parade – Saturday, August 17. This year's theme is a salute to the Didsbury Cadets 25th Anniversary and over 100 years of Cadets in Canada. Also, a salute to East Didsbury 4-H Club celebrating 50 years! And West Didsbury 4-H 70 years of service. All these groups are celebrating 100 years in Canada. Parade route is the same: 14th Street and 20th Avenue in front of Health Carro Canter, Indiging is at 10 and Parade begins at 11. Care Center Judging is at 10 am. Parade begins at 11 am. No registration required.

#### Student Art Show

The Didsbury & District Historical Society is now accepting students' art work at the Museum to be on display during the Mountain View Arts Festival being held on September 14 & 15. Please bring student's artwork to the Museum at your convenience. This is an opportunity for young people to show their creativity and talent to our visitors. There will be a \$10 refundable fee to participate in this event. Contact the Museum at 403-335-9295 for further details.

Promote your events in this column. Send info to didsburylibrary@prl.ab.ca or drop off copy at Didsbury Library 2033 19 Ave.

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## Career High grad

BY KEVIN VINK MVP Staff

The Didsbury Career High School held its awards ceremony during lunch on Monday, June 17.

There were three awards given to students, a citizenship award, work experience award, and dedicated stu-dent award, said Ruth Hall, administra-

tive support for the school.
"We select students who do the best in work experience for the year, then the citizenship award goes to whoever gave back to the community and showed the most significant improve-ment over the year," said Hall.

And the dedicated student is basically the one who was the most com-mitted and spent the most time at chool.

She said it was a good, busy year, with 13 graduates and 120 total students attending throughout the year.

"And we had our grad ceremony on May 30 at the Olds Legion, and we do a grad ceremony there together with Olds Career High School, and then we have a supper followed by a cap and gown ceremony," she added.

Though some of the students are still high school age, she noted there are many adults who use the school to upgrade previous courses



Katie Fleming, Andrew Parent, Shyanne Reimer and Dillon Moore waiting for the cap and gown ceremony to begin on May 25 at the Olds Legion.

## Cellular service disruption

BY KEVIN VINK

Many Telus and Bell cellular cus tomers had a rough week last week, as service levels in Mountain View County were spotty at best and non-

Chris Gerritsen, an Alberta spokes-

man for Telus, said that the problems were due to a lease expiring for one of their towers in the area.

Because the lease expired, crews had to install a new tower in a different location, leading to the interruptions, he said, noting that service was back to normal midway through the week

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# Children's book launch a success

BY KEVIN VINK

Children's author Alan 'Lanny' Chambers and illustrator Elsie Archer held a book launch for Chambers' debut book, Starfish, at the sbury Municipal ary on Saturday, Didsbury Library June 15

The launch attracted about 80 to 90 people, according to Chambers, and included people of all ages, from toddlers to

"I thought it went ery well," said ery Chambers.

"It was packed. A lot of people had to work, as it was Father's Day the next day, but we had a good turnout and it went very well."

Archer, a local artist, created the illustrations for the book using a technique called suminagashi, and she got to showcase her work and was available - along with Chambers - for signings after the launch.

The story involves a little girl named Saylor, he said, who decides to save a starfish from drying out on the beach.

After this, she becomes embroiled in a dream within a dream, wherein she experiences some of life in the sea, where she learns that if she gives nature a gift, it will come back to her, one way or another.

idea for The The Starfish didn't come about recently, he noted, adding that he always enjoyed spending story-time with his kids, cuddled up on a cold day or right before bed.

When they were little, they always liked to do that - it was the bedtime ritual, and my daughter especially would bring a stack of five or six books, and she would always say 'I don't want that story, I want a different story.

Then finally, she would come up with a random which Chambers would oblige by com-ing up with something related.

One night, she said she wanted a story about a starfish. I realized it then - in my early 20s - that I was able to make things up on the fly, enough to satisfy her curiosity anyway," he

"I could make them up enough to satisfy (my kids) to get them to go Then I thought to sleep. to myself that I wanted to do that one day."

So he kept that idea

years. He started his career, raised his family, and it was always in the back of his mind that he wanted to write.

"I always wrote, but I was a closet writer," he said, adding he would come up with ideas and stash them in his desk drawer, but never do

anything with them.
Then one day in 2011, he decided to answer an ad for Laura Crowe's Imagine it in Writing, which is a collection of classes and workshops held in the area for both established and aspiring writers

"It would happen at the library and sometimes in an author's home. Lots of local writers were there, and it was there that I got to start really writing.

One night, he brought in his idea for the starfish story, and the group really liked it. Then he ended up reading it at the Mountain View Arts Festival (MVAS) summer, and got to work polishing up a final manscript.

He noted that though there are many children's book publishers, they are inundated with story ideas, so he thought selfpublishing seemed like the best option early on

During the MVAS, he ran into Archer, who was doing some of her suminagashi art at the library

'It's so cool she was back there and this kind of another way this happened," he said.

He went to the back of the library where she was working, and she asked if he wanted to give suminagashi a try

"My first starfish looked quite awful actually," he laughed. After discovering illus

trating wasn't for him, he gave Archer an overview of the story and lent her

she would call him with word as to whether or not she would like to go ahead with the illustration of his book.

Instead, she just emailed him a finished page, he said.

was perfect - brilliant. The illustrations for the whole book were then created, simply from her reading my story. I didn't tell her how to do it, just how many pages we needed to do."

So over the next few months, he got the illustrations piece by piece, and when the time came

to put portions of the story text on each page, it all laid out seamlessly, he noted.

Though he is also working on another project, he said he is currently focusing on marketing his book, which is available at AG Foods, Value Drug Mart, White Raven Emporium and Pharmasave in Didsbury and Carstairs.

It is also available online at (www.silver-featherpress.com) and though he noted copies will be available at the bigger box stores in the future, they will have to



Alan "Lanny" Chambers reads out his debut children's book at the official book launch, which was hosted by the Didsbury Municipal Library on Saturday, June 15





## **Norst flooding in Alta.'s history**

Sundre was among 27 Alberta communities in a local state of emergency at the height of what provincial officials are calling the worst flooding in Alberta's history.

By yesterday, the number of confirmed states of local emergency across the province dropped to 23, with 23 active local Emergency Operations Centres in southern Alberta, includ-ing municipalities, First Nations, and private indus-try (Fortis). Mountain View County and Sundre closed their centres Saturday.

"This disaster is entirely unique in its speed, its scale and its scope in the number of people and communities that it impacted. Our government fully recognizes that," said Premier Alison Redford on Sunday. "That's why, to date, we have brought together all provincial resources to respond to this disaster through the Alberta Emergency Management Agency And today we begin Emergency Management Agency. And today, we begin to rebuild "

Since Wednesday, June 19, a slow-moving intense low pressure system brought 80 280 millimetres of cipitation with localized amounts up to 340 millimetres along the mountains and foothills from Edson to Waterton Park, according to Alberta Environment officials.

The rain fell with very high intensity (approximate ly 20 millimetres per hour) over an unusually large area, which led to flash flood-type response in a number locations.

Some areas received as much as 20 millimetres of rain per hour for 12 hours and the Red Deer River's flow rate surged to as high as 2,000 cubic metres per second at one point, while the river's height jumped by as much as 12 metres.

At least three people were confirmed to have died from the flooding across the province

As of yesterday morning, portions of 12 highways remained closed, three ferries were not operating, and three sections of highway were open to emergency vehicles only.

Locally, portions of Highway 587 were closed over the weekend because of flooding concerns at Red Lodge and Garrington Bridge, but were reopened as of Sunday.

While officials watched the water levels on the Highway 27 bridge over the Red Deer River in Sundre,

Water rose to just under a foot below the bridge deck at the height of flooding.

Tourism, Parks and Recreation staff have evac uated 675 people from 43 campgrounds and facilities, including partial evacua-tion of the Delta Lodge in Kananaskis Village.

They have participated in 17 aerial rescue operations to assist 108 people and provide supplies to others.

Tens of thousands of

people from across the province were evacuated from flood-ravaged communities including Sundre. Drumheller, Canmore, and Calgary.
About 10,000 people from

Medicine Hat were evacuat-ed Saturday as most of those acuated from Sundre were allowed to return home.

And in one of the hardest-hit communities - High River - officials were forced to evacuate the evacuation centres due to rising floodwaters.

Some areas of Red Deer. mainly campgrounds the river, were evacuated.

Locally, flooding occurred on the Red Deer River, Little Red Deer River, Fallentimber Creek, and James River in Mountain View County, Sundre, Water Valley and Eagle Hill areas.



From left Terry Leslie, Kathy Doughty and Andy Doughty survey the swollen Red Deer River from the Highway 27 bridge on the east end of Sundre on June 20.



Volunteers work to sandbag the entrance to a culvert that runs under the berm between Fas Gas and the Greenwood Camparound in Sundre on June 20.

#### Construction theft

A DeWalt radio was stolen from a construction site on Deer Coulee Drive sometime between June 10 and 13, according to Cpl. Warren Wright.

The radio, which cost about \$200, was sto-len from a garage that contractors were working on and they claim that somebody came in overnight and swiped the radio, he noted.

Wright added that the name River Bend Welding was painted on the side of the radio, and is asking that if anybody comes across it, that they report it to the Didsbury RCMP.

#### Highway dispute

Police received reports that two driva male in a black Ford one-ton truck, and a female in a blue Honda Civic, were fighting in what seemed to be domestic altercation on Highway 582, two km west of Didsbury, said Wright.

A passerby reported the incident, which took place on Friday, June 14, around noon, the complainant and said it appeared the male was attacking the female, though by the time an officer was dispatched to investigate, both vehicles had left

Police briefs

the scene, he noted.

Anybody who knows anything further is encouraged to contact police, he added.

#### Rental fraud

Police became aware of a rental fraud attempt on Sunday, June 16, said Wright.

The call came in from the Calgary Police Service to a woman who owns a rental prop-erty in Calgary, he said.

It turns out there is an ad on Craigslist, adver-tising the house is for rent, and the poster is not the owner of the

property, he noted.

This third party has tried to rent out her property, unbeknownst to her, and collect rent through a wire transfer to an account in the US. he said.

"Some people have showed up to look at the property without the actual owner know-ing," said Wright, noting that when money cross-es borders, unless it is a relatively large amount, it is hard to track the

fraudsters down. He urged residents be very cautious if they are planning on sending money across the

border for any reason, especially when they have never met the receiver.

"A word of warning to the public when it comes to rental prop-erty and transferring money to another part of the country and US, is you need to scrutinize the transaction care-fully."

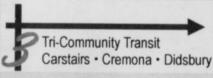
#### Stolen flowerpots

One wire-style flowerpot and one grey flower-pot, both of which had pink flowers on them, were stolen from a residence on 21 Avenue and 15 Street overnight on Tuesday, June 18, said DIDSBURY RC **FUN FLYERS CLUB** Box 120 Didsbury, Alberta TOM OWO

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## Didsbury firefighters qualify for national competition

BY KEVIN VINK

Both new recruits and veterans of the Didsbury fire department (DFD) tried their best to represent the town, as the DFD sent two teams to a qualifying round of FireFit in Brooks the weekend of June 15 and 16.

FireFit is a competition that tests firefighters' physical abilities in extreme conditions, explained Didsbury firefighter Craig Martin, who has been with the DFD for six years

The firefighters entered into both the individual team and team relay competitions, and three - name ly Craig Martin, Matt Code, and Jesse Derksen - quali-fied to go to the national competition being held in

Edmonton in September, he said.

In order to qualify for nationals, the individual team competitors each had to run the entire course in a total time of under nine minutes, said Martin, and the team relay event had to be completed in one minute and 50 seconds, which they did as well.

"In order to qualify for the nationals, in the individual, out of your three team members your course times together had to be under nine minutes, so we had times of 2:21 2:24 and 2:26," said Martin.
"There were a couple penalties, but overall we

scored a time of 7:24. Last year we scored 9:02, so we certainly cut away our time.

He added the first team the DFD sent was the same as last year, while the second team consisted of rookwho have recently signed on.

"We did really well. This year we also had the opportunity to train in the memorial complex - the town really helped us out there in the winter season,

He explained that the course is made up of various tasks, which competitors have to do with a complete suit and breathing apparatus on, weighing about 40 pounds total.

He explained that the course is made up of various tasks, which competitors have to do with complete turn out gear and breathing apparatus on, weighing

about 60 to 70-pounds total.

"They say that being on a breathing apparatus reduces you physically by about 20 per cent, just because your body is demanding air and you're restricted to the limitations of the (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus)," he noted.

The first obstacle is to carry a 40 lb. hose pack up several flights of stairs six stories high - touching every step - then reach over the edge of the staircase and pull up a 50-pound weight attached to a rope, run back down the stairs - again touching every step or

risking a penalty.

Once down the stairs, competitors do a mock forced entry, where they pound a cylinder that is under pressure with a sledgehammer - about 10 times - to release the spring.

They then sprint in a zig-zag pattern between

obstacles, grab a charged 50-foot firehose, drag it

out, and hit a target with water.

Then competitors drag a 175-pound dummy for a distance of 100 feet.

"And that's the last task. A lot of guys fall over at

this point, and that's it," he said.

The teams were pitted against many other departments, including ones from Calgary and Edmonton, and there were even some teams coming from as far

"Some of these guys take the competition so seri-ously that they have a mock-up track that they can train on all year long, so it's a pretty heavy competi-

"We had a goal to qualify for the nationals, so we were thrilled when we hit it," he noted. The trials, he said, are two minutes of pain

'All you can think about is beating the guy beside you and finishing and representing your department," he said, adding that the announcers called the teams by their departments' names, rather than

Although he doesn't anticipate winning the nationals competition, he is still looking forward to it, simply because he has the chance to represent small-town Didsbury in the face of full-time big-city departments

Jesse Derksen, who has been with the department for just under two years now, said "It's like nothing you've ever experienced before." When he was doing it, he was just focusing on get-ting through and finishing the race, he said.

'It's absolutely exhausting going through it. Like, you just have to conquer everything that's holding

you back and just pull through it and get it done."

He said he's looking forward to training even harder as the nationals get closer, and is also looking forward to the next qualifying round in Edson, which the DFD will compete in again, just to keep them fresh

Matt Code, who has also been with the DFD for two years, said "It's an absolutely fantastic event. It's a fierce competition, but it's a brotherhood competi-

You want to win, but everybody's just showing their full support. If you're struggling, everyone's cheering you on. It's a different style of competition than most people get familiar with," he noted.

He got much better results than he did last year, he added, noting that he shaved 34 seconds off his time compared to last year

"It was really tough. You don't really notice it until the very end when you do the dummy drag. All your quads tighten up and as soon as they do, you can hardly walk - I thought I was gonna fall over.

Despite the pain, the team is looking forward to the nationals, he said, noting that they were drawn as a wild card for last year's competition, but it was in Montreal, so they decided not to go.



(From left to right) Braeden Turnbull, Tyler Fleischer and Jordan Gustavson (all DFD rookies) and Matt Code, Craig Martin and Jesse Derksen all went to the FireFit qualifiers in Brooks on the weekend of June 15 and 16. The latter group qualified to go

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Freda is lovingly remembered by her children, Frances (Blair) Janzen of Olds; Robert (Marie) Unsworth of Calgary, and Brigitte Unsworth of Edmonton; grandchildren: Colette, Carey Troy, Sabine, Karen, Stephen, Sara, Angela; and twelve great-grandchildren. Freda will also be remembered by many relatives from the Unsworth/Summers sides, as well as Jean (Bob) Gingrich/Proudfoot families: and by many friends. families; and by many friends. Freda has requested no formal service. If

anyone wishes to make a donation in her memory, please choose a charity of your choice

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#### ROSENKE

Dale Arthur Rosenke, 63, of Olds, Alberta passed away after a hard fought battle with cancer on June 20, 2013. Dale was the first born to Harry and Patricia Rosenke of Didsbury,

Alberta.

Dale is survived by his two children Jean Kinnear (Kris) and Greg (Monika) and their mother Charlotte, his five grandchildren Laila, Karis, and Reece Kinnear; Maiya and Grayson; sisters Linda Olsen (Jim) and Joanne Schwass (Jim); brothers Lloyd (Janet) and David (Janine); his long time friend Janet Hutton and his many long time friend Janet Hutton and his many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and other family and friends. Dale was predeceased by his father Harry and his mother Patricia and his granddaughter Eliza. Dale bred and showed Clydesdale Horses for over 40 years. He had one of the largest Clydesdale operations in Western Canada. Highlights of his Clydesdale career was breeding and showing a Grand Champion Stallion and Reserve Champion mare at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Ontario. He was a long time member of the Canadian and Alberta Clydesdale Associations.

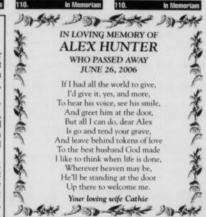
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Dale enjoyed fixing things and aimed to be self-sufficient on his Westerdale farm. He had a love of the farm and the land. He was always a love of the ram and the rand. He was always surrounded by animals, family and loved his little grandchildren. No matter what had to be done, he always had time to take the kids to collect the eggs, feed a pail bunter or pet the latest foal. Dale would always look forward to spring when there would be a new crop of foals on the ground.

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A memorial service to celebrate Dale's life will be held at the Olds First Baptist Church on June 28, 2013 at 2:00 PM. In lieu of donations, please take the time to enjoy the outdoors and spend a day with your own loving family members. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Sundre entrusted with arrangements. 403-638-4393. www.heartlandfuneralservices.com





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3.11 acres in the town of Didsbury, icely upgraded, over 1800 sq. ft., huge ountry kitchen, 2 wood stoves, double garage, backing onto golf course.

\$499,900

2029 15 Avenue



Very well maintained home, ove 1206 sq ft of single level living, sedrooms, 2 baths, newer windo 24x30 garage, large lot.

\$179,900

7 Havenfield Dr., Carstairs



itul 1800 sq ft 2 storey, gr sters, island with eating t -through pantry, nice ensu 2 tiered deck, fenced yard

\$369,900

2029 - 18 Avenue



Lots of upgrades inside and out, 1360 aq ft, 80° X 120° lot, large south facing deck, large balcony deck off of master

\$209,000

8 Westhill Place



°169,900



2100 sq ft, many recent upgrate new windows, siding, roof, & n large deck, hot tub, wood stove, avdwood on upper floor, great to

\$348,400

1 Westwood Drive



Upgraded family home in preferred area 3+1 bedrooms, 21/2 baths, fireplace, nic laminate and ceramic flooring throughou large yard, single detached garage.

\$259,900



Beautiful custom 5 bdrms, full basement wants 5 bdrms, full basement wants hardwood, corner gas fireplace, hardwood, corner gas fireplace, hard deck 5 patio, great

\$379,900

The Porch Bouz

Canada Day



eautiful 1760 sq ft home, 4 bd ths, hardwood, gas fireplace, lings, jetted tub, walkout base 28'X30' garage plus det. dbl.

\$599,900

1203 - 21 Street



\$279,900

1801 - 17 Street



1300+ sq.ft. maintenance free lla in College Green, 2+1 bdrms, baths, main fir, laundry, recent ipgrades, reasonable HOA fees

\$229,900



224,900



\$249,900

1409 - 20 Avenue



residential/commercial lot, lots of possibilities, great location, good exposure

\$69,900

2 Westridge Drive



\$249,900

1501 - 25 Street



\$259,900



\$369,900

1392 sq ft character home, 3 bt 1 1/2 baths, laminate, new furnace older barn, beautiful treed yard site, 1 mile from to

\$329,900